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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of: )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1632  
Nicolaides *et al.* )  
 ) Examiner: R. Shukla  
Serial No. 09/558,149 )  
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Filed: April 26, 2000 ) Atty. Dkt. No. 001107.00004

For: **A METHOD FOR GENERATING HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS**

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 5, 2004. Please charge the fee for a two-month extension of time and any other fee that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 14, 19, 20, 29, 53, 58-62, and 69-80 are pending and stand rejected.

This amendment is accompanied by:

- a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (including the PTO-1449 form) filed February 22, 2002.

Please enter the following amendments.

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